

6 August 1981

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS  
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group  
SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Nicosia Bureau--July 1981

## I. GENERAL

Nicosia once again set a new record for filed wordage--759,000 words--in July. Intense fighting in Lebanon, which reached its crisis point with the 17 July Israeli bombing within Beirut but which was significantly eased after the 24 July cease-fire agreement, and processing requests from the U.S. Embassy in Athens for Greek preelection material largely accounted for the increase. Nicosia's filed wordage has risen dramatically over the past six months, primarily due to Arabic, Persian and Greek-language coverage augmentation, with bureau records having also been set in March (480,000), April (603,000) and May (640,000). In contrast, the bureau's average monthly wordage for 1980 was below 335,000.

## II. OPERATIONS

### A. Editorial/Monitorial

1. Effective 19 July, the bureau reassumed 0600-1700 GMT coverage of Paris AFP English for Iran, Iraq and the Arabian Peninsula states from Gulf Bureau, which had taken this coverage from Nicosia in June.

2. Nicosia acquired primary coverage of the clandestine Voice of Palestine radio 1445 GMT English cast on 18 July due to reception problems at Jordan Bureau. To help prevent double processing by Jordan Bureau from the 1500 GMT VOP Arabic newscast, we are informing Jordan immediately of any items we are processing from the English cast.

3. At AG's request, the bureau has extended by 6 weeks filing of sample FYI's on the Friday prayers broadcast by Cairo Domestic Service and other Cairo transmitters to cover the Ramadan period.

### B. Lateral/Special Services

1. At the request of the U.S. Embassy in Athens, Nicosia filed the texts of the Greek opposition PASOK Party's election manifesto, a speech by Deputy Prime Minister Averof detailing the government's new economic program, the summary of the governing New Democracy Party's government program, and excerpts of the KKE-Interior's election declaration. These requests resulted in approximately 70,000 processed words. At month's end, the embassy requested an additional approximately 40,000 words of processing in the form of the New Democracy Party's government program text.

2. On 2, 5, 20 and 29 July, Nicosia covered Jerusalem Domestic Service Hebrew-language casts due to unanticipated power outages at Tel Aviv Bureau.

## III. ADMINISTRATION

A. On 17 July, PMU Arabic-language monitor [ ] arrived STAT TDY to provide assistance to the Arabic Section.

B. Regional Engineer [ ] returned from TDY in Islamabad STAT 14 July.

C. Bureau Chief Monitor and regional cruising monitor [ ] STAT was away from the bureau on TDY in Islamabad and Bahrain 1-21 July.

D. Arabic Section Chief [ ] has been selected for a Headquarters foreign national orientation trip. [ ] will be in Washington 12-19 September. STAT

## IV. VISITS

A. FBIS Engineering Division Chief [ ] visited the bureau during a regional TDY 2-6 July. STAT

B. Area telecommunications chief [ ] visited the bureau on STAT 22 July during a regional TDY.

C. The embassy's new Defense Attache, Col. Richard McCall, visited the bureau on 29 July.

## V. OTHER

The embassy's American staff and families celebrated July 4th with a cookout on the lawn at the residence of the old Karavas bureau. A contract has recently been let for the repair and refurbishing of the former bureau chief's residence, which has developed distressing structural cracks in recent years. The former chief engineer's house has already been refurbished and is in use as an embassy guest and rest-and-recreation house.

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Nicosia Bureau Chief

## Attachments:

- A. Operations Report (including production and traffic report)
- B. Engineering Report
- C. Coverage Schedule